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THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF COURT ORDERS UNDER HABEAS CORPUS PETITIONS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS WHICH HAVE ORDERED THE RELEASE OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE MOST NOTABLE OF THE RELEASES WERE THOSE OF TOFAIL AHMED AND ABDUR RAZZAK OF THE AWAMI LEAGUE, BUT THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN OCCASIONAL RELEASES OF LOWER-RANKING AND PROVINCIAL LEVEL POLITIANS. LAST WEEK, FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WERE TWO POLITICIANS RELEASED, ONE AN AWAMI LEAGUE PEASANT FRONT LEADER AND THE OTHER A DISTRICT SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF BANGLADESH. THE RELEASES, ANNOUNCED ONLY IN THE BENGALI PRESS, INDICATE THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM RETAINS MUCH OF ITS INDEPENDENCE AND IS ABLE TO EXERCISE ITS LEGAL AUTHORITY WITHOUT HARASSMENT FROM THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATIONS.

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